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2014 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree to Visit Garlough Elementary Nov. 6

WHAT: 2014 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree visit

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Garlough Elementary School, 1740 Charlton St., West St. Paul, MN 55118
Note: *All activities are outside.*

OVERVIEW: For the past 50 years, a beautiful tree has appeared on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. during the holiday season. The U.S. Forest Service, in partnership with Choose Outdoors and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, will bring this special gift from northern Minnesota to Washington, D.C. for the 2014 season. The tree will make more than 30 stops on its way across the country, including a stop at Garlough Elementary School Nov. 6.

Garlough Environmental Magnet School offers a rigorous environmental studies program emphasizing science, technology and math for grades K-4. Garlough was named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for its commitment to integrating the three pillars of the Green Ribbon Schools program: reducing the school's environmental impact and costs; improving the health and wellness of students and staff; and providing a quality environmental-focused education. Garlough also supports a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) School Forest.

TIME: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Students/classes visit U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree
1 p.m. short program featuring:

- A song written especially for the Tree, performed by all Garlough students
- U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (TBD)
- John Zannmiller, Mayor of West Saint Paul
- Sue Powell, Principal, Garlough Elementary
- U.S. Forest Service representative
- Forrest Boe, State Forester, Minnesota DNR

VISUALS: 88-foot white spruce selected for the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Students viewing the Tree; performance of song; and interacting with Smokey Bear. Program and interview opportunities with local elected officials, Garlough Elementary and U.S. Forest Service staff and DNR leadership.